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SUBJ: GATT COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY GATT COUNCIL OCT 21.

1. REPORT OF WP ON ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSITS. US (BRUNGART)
MADE STATEMENT ASKING CONTINUED NON-DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION
OF QRS, PER REFTL. CANADA SUPPORTED AND ASKED BETTER
ASSURANCES ON A SPECIFIC TERMINAL DATE FOR MEASURES. JAPAN
CALLED ATTENTION TO REPORT SECTION REFERRING TO DANGERS OF
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PROLIFERATION OF RESTRICTIONS. INDIA REPEATED REQUEST FOR

REMOVAL OF DEPOSITS ON LDC PRODUCTS. ITALY REAFFIRMED INTENTION TO REMOVE DEPOSITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO REEXAMINE THEIR NEED EARLY IN 1975. EC ACKNOWLEDGED CONTINUED RESPECT FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO ORIGIN BUT SAID THEY "DONT FEEL OBLIGED COMPLY BECAUSE OF PROVISIONS ARTICLE XXIV". COUNCIL ADOPTED REPORT. CHAIRMAN (LAI) SAID COUNCIL NOTES TEMPORARY MEASURES TO BE ABOLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; WP TO KEEP MATTER UNDER REVIEW AND CONSULT AS NECESSARY.

2. EC-FINLAND WP REPORT. US SAID GATT REQUIRED STRICT NON-DISCRIMINATION ON QRS. INDIA ASKED FINLAND IMPROVE GSP. CANADA SAID RULES OF ORIGIN MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN BEFORE AND SAID AS THESE TRADE AGREEMENTS BECOME MORE NUMEROUS, RULES OF ORIGIN INCREASINGLY AFFECT THIRD COUNTRY TRADE. EC SIMPLY CALLED ATTENTION TO OWN STATEMENT IN REPORT. REPORT ADOPTED.

3. EC-TURKEY WP REPORT. ADOPTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. REPORT OF ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE AND WP ON ACCEPTANCE OF ANTI-DUMPING CODE. AUSTRALIA SAID THEY INTEND JOINE CODE; MATTER BEFORE PARLIAMENT NOW. COUNCIL ADOPTED COMMITTEE REPORT AND TOOK NOTE OF WP ACTIVITIES.

5. ICELAND PRIOR DEPOSITS. CHAIR SAID THERE NO NEED FOR WP TO MEET BUT WOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE; THIS DID NOT ESTABLISH PRECEDENT. COUNCIL AGREED.

6. INTENSIFICATION OF YUGOSLAV RESTRICTIONS. YUGOSLAVIA SAID BOP DEFICIT FIRST HALF 1974 WAS \$1/2 BILLION, VERSUS SURPLUS OF \$60 MILLION FOR EQUIVALENT 1973 PERIOD. DEPOSITS EXPECTED REDUCE DEFICIT BY \$300 MILLION; THESE TEMPORARY MEASURES TO BE MAINTAINED TO END '74. AUSTRALIA, US, CANADA REGRETTED NEED FOR MEASURES. US SAID BOP COMMITTEE REVIEW APPROPRIATE FOR EARLY 1975 BUT NOTED FOR NOW MEASURES FORTUNATELY NOT ANNOUNCED TO EXTEND BEYOND 1974. NIGERIA, JAMAICA SYMPATHIZED WITH YUGOSLAV SITUATION. CHAIR SAID BOP CONSULTATION COULD BE ARRANGED IF WARRANTED BY EVENTS.

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7. TERMINATION OF PAKISTAN SURCHARGE. COUNCIL TOOK NOTE.

8. AUSTRALIA-PAPUA/NEW GUINEA. COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF REPORT.

9. CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET. US, EC, OTHERS ASKED FOR WP. JAMAICA ASKED FOR GATT SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE DURING WP. CUBA SAID COUNCIL SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT PART IV OF GATT REIGNS IN WP. MEMBERS OF WP: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, EC,

INDIA, JAPAN, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, NIGERIA, NORDICS, PERU, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, US; TERMS OF REFERENCE: TO EXAMINE IN LIGHT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF GATT THE PROVISIONS OF TREATY ESTABLISHING CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND COMMON MARKET AND TO REPORT TO COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN: FALCONER, NEW ZEALAND. ACTION REQUIRED: QUESTIONS ABOUT CARICOM (L/4083) ARE DUE TO GATT SECRETARIAT BY NOVEMBER 30.

10. JAPAN AND ARTICLE XXXV. JAPAN REPEATED ANNUAL PLEA FOR REMAINING COUNTRIES STILL INVOKING ARTICLE XXXV TO DISINVOKE, NOTED LDCS INVOLVED ARE GETTING GSP TREATMENT FROM JAPAN. US, CANADA SUPPORTED JAPANESE APPEAL. NIGERIA SAID THEY MAY SOON DISINVOKE ARTICLE XXXV.

11. EC-GREECE BIENNIAL REPORT. COUNCIL TOOK NOTE WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

12. EC ASSOCIATION WITH OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. EC SAID PROTOCOL LIKELY TO BE CHANGED IN 1975, NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE REPORTED TO CPS. US, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN SAID IT BEST TO WAIT FOR DECISION ON REVIEWS IN THAT CASE. CANADA SAID POST REPORTS DIDN'T GIVE ENOUGH INFORMATION OF EFFECTS ON THIRD-COUNTRY TRADE. COUNCIL AGREED TO WAIT.

13. BIENNIAL REPORT CALENDAR. AGREED. US REMINDED COUNCIL THAT EC-OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ITEM SHOULD REFLECT OCTOBER 21 COUNCIL DISCUSSION AS WELL.

14. GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP. CHAIRMAN SAID ITEM NOT RIPE FOR DISCUSSION. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON MEMBERSHIP TO CONTINUE. COUNCIL AGREED.

15. OTHER BUSINESS.
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FINLAND ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND PROMISED SUBMIT TEXT TO NORMAL GATT PROCEDURES "IN DUE COURSE.

AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCED ARTICLE XIX ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION ON FOOTWEAR (SEPTEL).

AUSTRALIA COMPLAINED OF JAPANESE MEAT EMBARGO (SEPTEL).

BRAZIL MADE LENGTHY PRESENTATION ON US COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON FOOTWEAR (SEPTEL).

16. COMMENT: AUSTRALIANS DID NOT MAKE PROPOSAL FOR MEETING ON NEW CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM ON MEAT (PER STATE 230031). (WE INFORMED THEM BEFORE MEETING AND PREPARED TO SUPPORT, BUT

THEY DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE.ABRAMS

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